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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

HUDSON WOMAN CHARGED WITH SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD

Heather Barry, a/k/a Heather Stone, DOB 1/4/72, of Hudson, Wisconsin, is charged with two counts of Social Security fraud. The indictment alleges that on July 23, 2003, Barry made false statements in an application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, in that she falsely stated that the minor applicant for the SSI benefits lived with her and that she was his custodian. The indictment also alleges that from February 13, 2004 to February 1, 2005, Barry converted SSI benefits to a use other than for the use of the minor applicant.

If convicted, Barry faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison on each count of the indictment. The charges against her are the result of an investigation by the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

Kevin D. Lofftin, DOB 1/1/73, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of ammunition. The indictment alleges that on October 31, 2006, he possessed a box of 50 rounds of Winchester .380 auto ammunition.

If convicted, Lofftin faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MAN CHARGED WITH ESCAPE FROM JANESVILLE FACILITY

Anthony Stewart, DOB 10/29/79, is charged with escape. The indictment alleges that on October 12, 2006, he escaped from the Rock Valley Community Program in Janesville, Wisconsin.

If convicted, Stewart faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Marshals Service. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

Placido Gonzalez-Hernandez, DOB 12/15/82, a citizen of Mexico, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that Gonzalez-Hernandez was found in the United States on February 13, 2006.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of two years in prison. The charge against Gonzalez-Hernandez is the result of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security-Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

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